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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: DISPOSAL OF NUCLEAR WASTE

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1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTED AUGUST 20 STATEMENTS OF AHMED SULTAN, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER FOR PRODUCTION AND MINISTER OF ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY, RELATING TO EGYPTIAN NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM OF NEXT 20 YEARS, WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO DISPOSAL OF NUCLEAR WASTE. SULTAN REPORTEDLY STATED THAT IN LIGHT OF U.S. DECISION NOT TO STORE ANY NUCLEAR WASTE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES ON U.S. TERRITORY AFTER 1980, GOE HAS FORMED A TECHNICAL COMMITTEE WHICH WILL STUDY POSSIBLE SITES FOR STORAGE OF SUCH NUCLEAR MATERIALS IN EGYPT. GOE HAS REQUESTED COOPERATION OF IAEA EXPERTS IN THIS STUDY.

2. SULTAN ADDED THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NUCLEAR WASTE STORAGE FACILITIES IN EGYPT WILL NOT LEAVE EGYPT "AT THE MERCY" OF ANY OTHER COUNTRY FOR DISPOSAL OF NUCLEAR WASTE FROM EGYPTIAN REACTORS. THIS WILL FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF EGYPT'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM, WHICH HE SAID IS CONFIDENTIAL

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EXPECTED TO ACCOUNT FOR 40 PER CENT OF ELECTRIC ENERGY OUTPUT IN 2000. SULTAN REPORTEDLY CONCLUDED STATEMENT BY POINTING OUT THAT EGYPT IS A LATECOMER IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, EVEN AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT EGYPT WOULD NOT ALSO FIND ITSELF LATE IN TACKLING THE ISSUE OF NUCLEAR WASTE STORAGE.

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3. COMMENT: FORMATION OF A TECHNICAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY POSSIBLE NUCLEAR WASTE STORAGE SITES TIES IN WITH INTEREST OF GOE IN THIS ISSUE AS REPORTED REF B. WHILE AUGUST 20 PRESS REPORTS OMITTED ANY MENTION OF STORAGE IN EGYPT OF NUCLEAR WASTE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS MAY BE DUE MORE TO GOE SENSITIVITY ON POSSIBLE DOMESTIC POLITICAL CRITICISM (SEE REF A) THAN TO LESSENING OF INTEREST IN PROPOSED AUSTRIAN AGREEMENT. EILTS

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